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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups:

- Group I: Claims 1-12 and 22 (drawn to polynucleotides, vectors, host cells, and a method of making the polypeptide)
- Group II: Claims 13-15 (drawn to polypeptides)
- Group III: Claims 16 and 19 (drawn to an antibody)
- Group IV: Claims 17 and 18 (drawn to a method of detecting the presence of a polypeptide using the antibody)
- Group V: Claims 20 and 21 (drawn to a method of detecting the polynucleotides)

- Group VI: Claims 23 and 24 (drawn to a method of identifying a compound that binds to a polypeptide)
- Group VII: Claim 25 (drawn to a method for modulating the activity of a polypeptide)
- Group VIII: Claim 26 (drawn to a method for identifying a compound that modulates the activity of a polypeptide)
- Group IX: Claims 27 and 28 (drawn to a method of identifying a subject having cellular proliferation etc. using nucleotide sequences)
- Group X: Claim 29 (drawn to a method of identifying a subject having cellular proliferation using the polypeptides)
- Group XI: Claim 30 (drawn to a method of identifying a compound capable of treating a cellular proliferation)
- Group XII: Claim 31 (drawn to a method of treating a subject having a cellular proliferation using a modulator).

Applicant hereby elects the Group VI invention (claims 23 and 24 drawn to a method of identifying a compound that binds to a polypeptide) for prosecution in this application, **without** traverse.

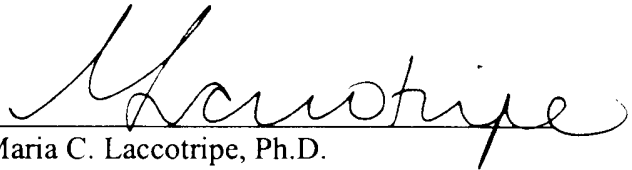
Applicant reserves the right to traverse the restriction between the non-elected groups in this or a separate application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's Attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,

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